Peace Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to school year 2016-2017, I hope everyone has had a restful break and are ready to embark on an exciting and rewarding school year. In preparing our Kings and Queens for lifelong success we will continue to focus even more on how to create and maintain a “growth mindset” in our children which leads to their understanding that with consistent effort and persistence they can learn and achieve great things in school. A growth mindset is essential to becoming a positive change agent who transforms the world and empowers our Kings and Queens to work toward improvement in school and the community.

Together we were able to experience many milestones last year: our STEM program was recognized on Capitol Hill for integrating robotics into the performing arts, several of our students won first place awards at the district Write-A-Book Contest and we also inducted a record number of Kings and Queens into our National Junior Honor Society. Building positive relationships with our Kings and Queens, along with all of our families, will again be the cornerstone to our success. I am looking forward to our best year yet. PEACE.

Wendell Coleman
Principal

7th Grade/New Student Orientation
We will host orientation for the incoming 7th graders and new students to Oxon Hill Middle on Monday, August 22nd. The goal of this program is to familiarize students with policies/procedures, clubs & organizations, faculty, and to tour the building. Students are to report to their bus stop 10 minutes prior to the assigned times for the 2016-17 school year. For bus route information, please visit the PGCPS homepage: www1.pgcps.org.

PEACE Values
Our school-wide theme is PEACE: Positive Energy Activates Constant Elevation. We model this expectation every day with all of our Kings and Queens and expect all of our Kings and Queens to learn our student pledge and school song.

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School Materials
3 inch, three ring binder
30 sharpened pencils
10 dividers
10 blue or black pens
2 different color highlighters
1 pack of index cards
5 one subject spiral notebooks

*These materials are for the first semester. Please plan on providing a new supply of materials for the second semester.*

STUDENT DRESS CODE

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Back to School Night
All parents are invited to attend Oxon Hill Middle School’s annual “Back to School Night.” The date for this event is Thursday, August 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

School Hours
Our school hours are 8:30 a.m. – 3:10 p.m. Students who walk to school should not arrive before 8:15 a.m. Staff will supervise students beginning at 8:15 a.m. For their safety, early students will not be permitted into the building.

Breakfast / Lunch
Hot, nutritious lunches are served each day in the school cafeteria and may be purchased for $3.00, reduced lunches are 40¢. Breakfast will cost $1.60, and reduced breakfast is 30¢. Families must complete a Free and Reduced Meals application every school year. We are requesting that every family apply. In addition, a la carte items are available for purchase. Students may prefer to bring their own

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bag lunch (no glass bottles or containers permitted); milk is available for purchase in the cafeteria for 55¢. You may register on myschoolbucks.com to add and monitor lunch account balances.

**Attendance**
Attendance will be taken at 8:30 a.m. during the 1st mod class each day. Students should be in their class, seated, and prepared to begin the instructional day by 8:30 am. Any student who arrives to school after 8:30 a.m. (except for late buses) will be considered tardy. Punctuality will be monitored and emphasized, as we instill habits of responsibility in all students. We urge parents to bring their children to school on time.

*Walkers must arrive prior to 8:25 to receive breakfast.*

**Early Departures**
When picking up your child before the closing of the school day, parents must be present in the office to sign their child out in order for the school to dismiss the student, before they are called to the office. If you are allowing someone else to pick up your child from school, they must be on the Emergency Form or a letter of authorization must be given to the Main Office in advance of picking up the student. For your child’s safety, every person that is authorized to pick your child up from school must be 18 years of age or older and present a photo identification at each visit.

**Acceptable Use Policy**
The use of technology at Oxon Hill Middle School (OHMS) is deeply embedded in the curriculum. In order for your child to have access to any technology at OHMS, a contract must be carefully read and signed by you and your child. This will be the first of many assignments that you can complete together. It is an excellent way to reinforce the importance of carefully reading any document before signing, as well as the responsibility that accompanies that signature.

All cell phones, tablets, mp3 players and other technology devices should be off during school hours except for during lunch, unless directed by a teacher for instructional purposes. Our goal is to teach responsible use with our Kings and Queens. If an item is confiscated for misuse it must be picked up by a parent/guardian as stated in Administrative Procedure 5132.

**Registration for incoming seventh grade students**
Administrative Procedure 5111, Registration and Withdrawal of Students, requires updated proof of residence when your child enters a different school for any reason. All incoming seventh grade students should have registered for middle school during the spring semester at their elementary school. Students who have not registered by **August 23rd** will be withdrawn and required to register for re-enrollment.

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